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SUBJECT: OECD MINISTERIAL DATES

REFS: STATE 57281; STATE 58328; DUBLIN 505

1. IRISH DELEGATION HERE REPORTS THAT THEY HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN ROUNDING UP UNANIMOUS EC SUPPORT FOR SCHEDULING OECD MINISTERIAL MAY 28-29. UK, WHICH WILL CHAIR OECD MINISTERIAL, HAS INDICATED SUPPORT FOR HOLDING MINISTERIAL MAY 28-29, ON ASSUMPTION THAT IEA MINISTERIAL WOULD BE HELD MAY 29. (BRITISH DELEGATION HAS ANTICIPATED THAT SECOND DAY OF OECD MINISTERIAL, WHEN NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS MOVE ON TO BRUSSELS, WOULD BE ATTENDED PRIMARILY BY FINANCE MINISTERS BUT OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT FEW FINANCE MINISTERS PLANNING TO ATTEND.) ALL OTHER EC MEMBERS ACTIVELY OR PASSIVELY SUPPORT IRISH POSITION EXCEPT FRENCH, WHO CLAIM SCHEDULING DIFFICULTIES IN REFUSING TO ACCEPT OECD MINISTERIAL ON 28TH AND 29TH. IRISH BELIEVE THAT FRENCH REFUSAL TO GO ALONG WITH RESCHEDUL-  
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ING OF OECD MINISTERIAL MAY ALSO STEM FROM "POLITICAL

REASONS" RELATING TO THEIR NON-MEMBERSHIP IN IEA, BUT  
THERE IS NO CLEAR EVIDENCE OF THIS. IN ANY EVENT,  
FRENCH AMBASSADOR VALERY POINTED OUT TO US HIS MINISTER  
ALWAYS ATTENDS COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING ON  
WEDNESDAY MORNING AND IRISH SCENARIO WOULD MEAN HIS  
MINISTER WOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO ATTEND ONE HALF DAY  
(WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON) OF OECD MINISTERIAL. IN  
CIRCUMSTANCES VALERY IS CLEARLY RELUCTANT TO REQUEST HIS  
MINISTER TO APPROVE CHANGE OF DATES TO MAY 28-29.

2. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY OECD  
COUNCIL WILL BE ABLE TO AGREE TOMORROW. US DEL WILL BE  
GUIDED BY STATE 57281. TURNER

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